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MEMORANDUM TO: []

SUBJECT: FIEND

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SOURCESMETHODSEXEMPTION 3828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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The attached memorandum sets out in writing the basic understanding reached with HICOG and EUCOM officials on the establishment of a holding and training base for pixies in Germany. [] was present in Germany for the final talk with McCloy, after which he was to go to Heidelberg to work with [] the detailed arrangements for setting up the training facilities. It was understood by [] that FIEND operations in Germany would fall under Gearing's direct command.

[] planned to discuss with [] additional personnel which would be required in Germany and will thereafter advise Washington on personnel to be dispatched to Germany. [] raised the question of the continued presence of the Committee itself in Italy. He states it is becoming increasingly embarrassing to operate the Committee in Italy without advising the Italian Service of the nature of our general activities. Depending upon the extent of cooperation we obtain from the British, we probably will or will not cut in the Italians on an operational basis.

In the event we are unable to obtain British bases in Klagenfurt and Malta, we shall be forced to seek the assistance of the Italians in this phase of activities. While in Paris I talked this problem over briefly with []. He felt very strongly that if the Italians were cut in, the French should also be cut in. While I agree with [] in principle, I believe that our initial collaboration with the French should include only an exchange of information on current operations and occasional requests for help on specific phases of operations.

As soon as the British position is clear, we should define our own views on French and Italian participation and should advise [] and [].

[] will carry the principal responsibility for movement of the pixies from Italy into Germany. In this connection I have authorized him to see [] directly in order to make the necessary arrangements if IRO is to be used.

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In accordance with our desire for the pixy committee to become more active in the publicity field, [] has worked out with them a plan to publish a paper in Italy as the official committee publication. [] is now preparing and will forward to us a monthly budget for the committee, which will include its various overt activities such as the publishing of the paper, limited welfare activities, and administrative expenses of the committee.

SAMEK and RABIN have hinted very strongly to [] that they would like to go back to New York. Although [] believes no one should go to New York until after a further series of meetings are held in Rome, he would like to have guidance from here on whether or not these two should ultimately be sent to New York.

It has occurred to me that a Yugoslav by the name of [], now living in New York and with whom [] is now in contact, might be of considerable use to [] in the covert training operation in Germany. [] was with me for a time in Yugoslavia and is one of the best operational types I have ever seen. There might also be very certain advantages in terms of cover to have a Yugoslav participate in the covert training.

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